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Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

Two foreign patent documents with full English language translations are provided. Both patent documents were previously cited, but without the translations, which were subsequently obtained. Additionally, U.S. Application Serial No. US 2002/0056236 is cited. That particular application is involved in an interference, U.S. Interference No. 105,151, with U.S. Patent No. 6,330,763, i.e., the patent that issued from the parent application (*see*, U.S. Application No. 09/394,796) to the present case. The applicants direct the examiner's attention to U.S. Interference No. 105,151. The applicants have filed a request for adverse judgment in that interference, on the belief that prior art raised by the other party to the interference (U.S. Application No. 10/039,381), renders the count invalid as to both parties, and thus further prosecution of the interference as fruitless. If the examiner would like the applicants to provide copies of any of the interference papers, please contact the below-signed individual.

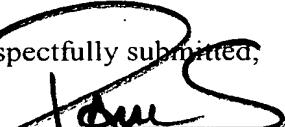
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